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Two Families Celebrate Their Home Dedications at Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity's "The Ridge at Sand Creek" Neighborhood

WHAT: On Wednesday, October 27, 2021, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) will host a house dedication celebration at Habitat's "Sand Creek" neighborhood for Lian and Zen's family and Monya's family.

In addition to being a new house for Lian, Zen, and their three children, their house is also being built in appreciation of Clark Land Surveying's 20+ years of support of PPHFH. Clark Land Surveying began operations in 1997, and since 1999 they have regularly donated surveying and development services to PPHFH, helping build homes for more than 100 families in El Paso County.

Monya's house for her family of three children is the Veterans Build Home. Veterans Build is Habitat for Humanity's national initiative to provide housing solutions and volunteer and employment opportunities to U.S. veterans, military service members, and their families. As an official Veterans Build Affiliate with Habitat for Humanity International, PPHFH is part of a national effort to not only provide affordable and decent homes for men and women who have served, but also join a larger voice advocating for the needs of our veterans and their families. Monya's house is PPHFH's third Veterans Build home.

- WHO: Kris Lewis, Executive Director/CEO, PPHFH lain Probert, Director of Strategic Partnerships, PPHFH Janet Risley, Director of Homeowner Services, PPHFH Lian and Zen, Future Habitat Homeowners Monya, Future Habitat Homeowner
- WHEN:
 Wednesday, October 27, 2021

 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Lian and Zen's family

 10:30 AM 11:30 AM Monya's family
- WHERE:
 "The Ridge at Sand Creek" at Galley Rd and Babcock Rd

 1.
 Take Galley Rd east crossing over N Academy Blvd
 - 2. Continue east on Galley Rd, crossing N Murray Blvd and Wooten Rd
 - 3. At the intersection of Babcock Rd and Galley Rd, turn right on Babcock Rd. "The Ridge at Sand Creek" will be on your left.

- 4. Make your first left on Bidwell Dr
- 5. Stay on Bidwell until Beauport Dr. The Habitat trailer is at the corner of Bidwell and Beauport.

As with all Habitat homeowners, the family must show (1) a need for affordable housing such as overcrowding, unhealthy or unsanitary conditions, unaffordable rent, unsafe neighborhood; (2) a willingness to partner with Habitat by completing homebuyer education (credit counseling; budgeting; estate planning; protecting assets; and more) as well as investing 200 "sweat equity" hours to build their house; and (3) the ability to purchase the house and pay the mortgage.

About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter in El Paso County. We build permanent, affordable homes in partnership with the community and prospective homebuyers. Partner families purchase their homes with affordable mortgages. PPHFH has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has assisted 198 families in El Paso County. In addition to new construction, PPHFH also offers repairs for homeowners who are seniors (65 and older), veterans, and cost-burdened families. For more information, visit <u>www.pikespeakhabitat.org</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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